

## **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

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# **SYNOPSIS**

### **GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday, October 3, 2007  
5:00 P.M.**

**City Hall  
Room W-120  
200 East Santa Clara Street  
San José, CA 95113**

MELANIE RICHARDSON, CHAIR

MARY ANN RUIZ, VICE CHAIR

MIKE FLAUGHER

LESLEE HAMILTON

G.M. HARDING

JAMES KIM

JULIE MATSUSHIMA

ERIK KARSTAN SMITH

MARK SWINEFORD

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### **1 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

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The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Flaughner, Harding, Kim, Smith, and Swineford

Late: Commissioner Hamilton arrived at 5:09 p.m., Commissioner Matsushima at 5:20 p.m., and Commissioner Richardson at 5:22 p.m.

Absent: Commissioner Ruiz

### **2 ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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### **3 CEREMONIAL ITEMS**

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### **4 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

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## **5 CONSENT CALENDAR**

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- 5.1 Approval of Synopsis for September 5, 2007 Meeting
- 5.2 Approval of Letter to Prusch Farm Park Foundation Members
- 5.3 Set a Public Hearing November 7, 2007 for Naming a New Park at Towers Lane and Aborn Road
- 5.4 Accept Donation from Rotary Club of San Jose to Fund Purchase and Installation of Adaptive Swings in City Parks

**It was moved by Commissioner Flaughter, seconded by Commissioner Smith, and voted unanimously that the Consent Calendar Items be Approved.**

## **6 PUBLIC HEARING**

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- 6.1 Public Hearing to Name New Park at Monterey Highway and Goble Lane

This turnkey park site is located at Monterey Highway and Goble Lane. The following five residents spoke in support of naming the park Richardson Park: Steve McHenry, Member of the Board of Directors of the Chateau LaSalle Homeowners Association, Carolyn Straub, Chateau LaSalle Drive resident, Michelle Mankin and Rachel Moreno, granddaughters of Elaine and Clyde Richardson, and Charlotte Mankin, Richardson's daughter. Derek Allen, Project Manager of ROEM Development Corporation, spoke in support of naming the park Montecito Vista Park.

**It was moved by Commissioner Hamilton, seconded by Commissioner Matsushima, and voted 7-1 that the park located at Monterey Highway and Goble Lane be named Richardson Park and that staff work with the community and Richardson family on the public art aspect of the park. Commissioner Kim opposed.**

## **7 ACTION ITEMS**

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- 7.1 Review of Planning Applications

Dave Mitchell, Parks Planning Manager, reported there were no planning applications submitted to the Planning Department for projects of 51 or more residential units from the September 13, 2007 meeting.

- 7.2 Approval of Letter Recommending Coyote Valley Specific Plan be Heard in Conjunction with the General Plan Update and to Request a Commission Representative be Appointed to the Coyote Valley Task Force

**It was moved by Commissioner Swineford, seconded by Commissioner Flaughter, and voted unanimously that the Commission authorize staff to prepare a letter for**

**the Chair to sign advocating Coyote Valley Specific Plan be heard in conjunction with the General Plan Update and requesting that the Task Force allow an additional seat to be held by a Parks and Recreation Commissioner.**

7.3 Update on Greenprint

Dave Mitchell, Parks Planning Manager, reported the next meeting will be held in Council District 9 on October 4, 2007 at the Camden Community Center. Preliminary input from the various community meetings has identified two issues. One is that constituents are interested in small gathering places or simple elements to make parks friendlier. The second is that the community would like attention given to looking at opportunities to use smaller remnants of property throughout the City. This would contribute to City beautification as well as provide areas for recreation. The cost of acquiring the remnants would be minimal compared to buying large acreage for parks. Mr. Mitchell indicated a detailed report will be given at the November 7, 2007 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

7.4 Approval of Letter to City Council Regarding Secondary Units Pilot Program

Dave Mitchell reported on this item. The September 24, 2007 Memorandum to the Parks and Recreation Commission addressing this item recommends in-lieu fees for Secondary Residential Units to correspond with the six lowest fees associated with Single Residential Occupancy units within the PIO. The Memorandum further recommends the fee go into effect on the same day as the adjusted park in-lieu fees representing the 2006 Residential Land Value Study are implemented.

**It was moved by Commissioner Swineford, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton, and voted unanimously that the Commission authorize the Chair to sign a letter in support of staff's recommendation on the Secondary Unit Pilot Program and fee.**

7.5 Approval of Mike Flaughner as Commission Representative to North San Jose Task Force

**It was moved by Commissioner Kim, seconded by Commissioner Matsushima, and voted unanimously that Mike Flaughner represent the Parks and Recreation Commission on the North San Jose Task Force.**

7.6 Approval of Letter Recommending Size and Location of Park Associated with Planning Application PD07-067

Dave Mitchell presented this item. Mr. Mitchell indicated the Commission previously requested a 5-acre park be recommended. The developer has suggested a one-acre park; staff is recommending at minimum a 2.5-acre park be provided. Because this project is associated with a larger General Plan Amendment Project and Rezoning Project, the project will be subdivided to other developers. Therefore, it is not yet clear what parkland elements will be required from the developers. Extensive discussion ensued regarding formulas for determining dedication of parkland acreage, partial or minimal

park development and land banking to preserve land, and the advantage to the Commission of having a broader perspective of future surrounding area development.

**It was moved by Commissioner Swineford, seconded by Commissioner Hamilton and voted unanimously that this item be brought back at the November meeting with recommendation by staff.**

## **8      DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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Matt Cano, Division Manager, reported with the start of the new fiscal year there are 16 new capital projects, 4 of which are new parks. Renovation of the Kirk Community Center in Council District 9 is moving forward, as well as a new stage at Greystone Park in Council District 10. The Master Planning meeting for Del Monte Park in Council District 6 is set for October 10, 2007.

## **9      LIAISON REPORTS**

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### **9.1      Council Liaison**

Kathy Sutherland reported the Worldwide Day of Play was September 9, 2007. Councilmember Pyle attended events held at the Almaden Community Center.

### **9.2      Coyote Valley Task Force**

No report.

### **9.3      Senior Citizens Commission**

No report.

### **9.4      Parks Maintenance Sub-Committee Report**

Commissioner Kim reported Deputy City Manager Ed Shikada attended the September 26, 2007 meeting. He has asked that the Subcommittee provide input to the upcoming October 25, 2007 City Council study session on Citywide deferred maintenance and infrastructure.

### **9.5      Land Use Policy Sub-Committee Report**

Commissioner Harding provided a draft copy of Land Use Policy Guidelines which will be discussed at an upcoming Commission meeting.

### **9.6      Youth Commission**

No report.

### **9.7      Community Sports Fields Study Committee**

Matt Cano reported the study is going well. A significant amount of data has been collected, and in the next few months there will be some larger community meetings to share the results of this data.

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9.8 General Plan Task Force Report

Commissioner Hamilton reported there are two upcoming meetings, October 9 and 13<sup>th</sup>.

9.9 Sunshine Reform Task Force

No report.

9.10 Greenprint Subcommittee

No report.

**10 INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

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10.1 Commissioner News Items

Commissioner Hamilton attended the September 25, 2007 City Council meeting where the issue of funding for Fire Station No. 2 was discussed. Commissioner Hamilton addressed the Council.

10.2 Future Agenda Items

Chair Richardson recommended a study session regarding PDO/PIO land dedication.

**11 CORRESPONDENCE**

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**12 ADJOURNMENT**

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m. The next general meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2007.